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In re Group Art Unit 3311

Application of

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Entitled: APPARATUS FOR RAPID Santa Fe, New Mexico

∞ COOLING OF THE BRAIN METHOD OF PERFORMING SAME

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In response to the Office communication dated January 2, 1998, please amend the above referenced application as follows: In the Claims:

Please add the following claim:

--Claim 14. Apparatus for cooling the brain of a patient, said apparatus comprising:

- a) a thermally conductive element,
- b) means for positioning said thermally conductive element in localized contact with soft tissue in the craniocervical region of said patient, and
- c) means for cooling said thermally conductive element, whereby said brain is cooled by conduction of blood flowing through blood vessels in said soft tissue contiguous to said braip.-

Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement for le control of the generic Claim 14 added above.

> If no claim is found generic, Applicant elects Claims 7-13 inclusive directed to the endotracheal version of the invention